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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Chicago
4 Fire Department Captain Herbert "Herbie" Johnson, who
5 tragically passed away while saving several families from a
6 burning home in Chicago on November 2, 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Capt. Herbert Johnson served with distinction as a
8 firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department for over 30 years;
9 he was the first one to arrive at a reported attic blaze in a
10 home in the Gage Park neighborhood of Chicago, and thanks to
11 his efforts, many lives were saved that day; however, Capt.
12 Johnson was tragically killed as a result of injuries sustained
13 in the fire; and

14 WHEREAS, Capt. Herbert Johnson served as a volunteer in
15 2001 to aid in rescue efforts at Ground Zero after the 9/11
16 terrorist attacks; and

17 WHEREAS, Capt. Herbert Johnson was the recipient of the
18 Firefighting Medal of Honor in 2007 after rescuing children
19 from a building in Chicago; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as a firefighter, Capt.
21 Herbert Johnson supported a camp that helped burn victims,

1 cooked for various charity events, and drove fire engines in
2 parades for the Chicago Fire Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Capt. Herbert Johnson was the devoted husband of
4 Susan; the loving father of Cpl. Thomas (USMC), Laurie, and
5 Michael "Mickey"; the dear brother of Julie (the late Douglas)
6 Marcinek, Mary Cay, Peggy (Dave) Ladd, John, James (Theresa),
7 Ted (Ruth), and Terry; the cherished son of the late Herbert J.
8 and Joan; and the dear uncle, cousin, and friend of many;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
13 Chicago Fire Department Captain Herbert "Herbie" Johnson; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Capt. Herbert Johnson as an
17 expression of our sympathy.